

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA        )  
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Plaintiff,                         )  
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v.                                    )      Case No. 19-00318-CR-W-HFS  
RYAN X. COWPER, JR.,             )  
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Defendant.                         )

**ORDER**

A competency hearing was conducted on February 9, 2021, and Magistrate Judge Lajuana M. Counts considered the forensic evaluation prepared by Cynthia A. Low, Ph.D., Forensic Unit Psychologist, and dated November 23, 2020, in which Dr. Low determined that, at the present time, the defendant demonstrated an average ability to understand the nature and consequences of the court proceedings against him, and an average ability to properly assist counsel in his defense; but it is important that he remain medication compliant or his symptoms could worsen.

After making an independent review of the record, and the applicable law, Judge Counts determined that the defendant was not currently suffering from a mental disease or defect which would prevent him from understanding the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him or assisting in his defense. Thus, Judge Counts concluded that the defendant was competent to proceed.

To-date, no objections to the Report and Recommendation have been filed, and defendant does not oppose the findings and has waived the 14 day period in which to make objections. (Doc. 34) Thus, the findings and conclusions in the Report and Recommendation (Doc. 33) are ADOPTED by the undersigned.

S/ HOWARD F. SACHS

HOWARD F. SACHS  
United States District Judge

Dated: February 22, 2021  
Kansas City, Missouri